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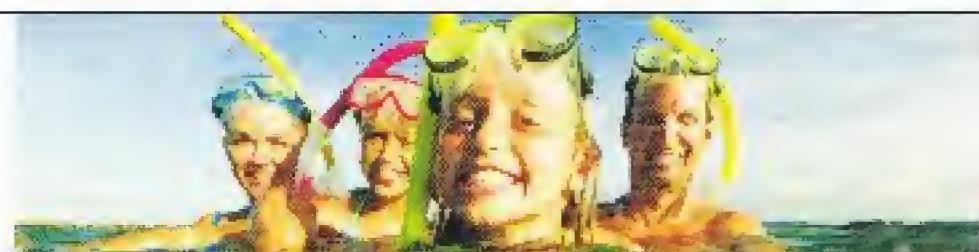
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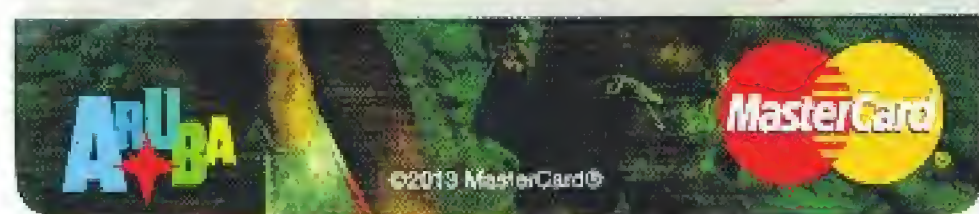
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Dutch royals bury romantic renegade prince Friso



Members of the Dutch royal family including Prince Friso's Mother Beatrix, his widow Mabel and two daughters Luisa and Zaria and brother King Willem-Alexander and Queen Maxima

THE HAGUE, The Netherlands (AFP) - Dutch prince Friso, who excluded himself from the line of succession in the name of love, was buried in private Friday after he died from injuries sustained in a 2012 skiing accident.

Johan Friso was laid to rest in an intimate ceremony attended by his widow Mabel, 45, and their two daughters Luana, 8, and Zaria, 7, amid tight security in the hamlet of Lage Vuursche, around 30

kilometres (20 miles) south-east of Amsterdam.

The ceremony was also attended by Friso's godfather, Norway's King Harald V, Friso's brothers King Willem-Alexander and Prince Constantijn, their mother Beatrix, 75, who abdicated as queen in April, and a few dozen friends and family members.

Despite a tight clampdown on media access to the funeral, state broadcaster NOS showed images of the royal

family entering the church grounds, all dressed in black except for the children who were dressed in white.

Luana's godmother, Italian Foreign Minister Emma Bonino, attended, NOS reported, as did Friso's friend Florian Moosbrugger, who survived the avalanche near the upmarket Austrian resort of Lech that left the prince comatose and brain-damaged in February 2012.

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Church grounds of Lage Vuursche where Prince Friso of the Netherlands was buried

The small Stulpkerk church is a stone's throw from Beatrix's Drakenstyn Castle, where Friso spent much of his childhood and to which Beatrix plans to retire later this year.

The family moved from the privately-owned castle to The Hague in 1981, when Beatrix became queen.

Following the prince's burial, the royal family went to Drakenstyn Castle to continue mourning, national news agency ANP reported.

Friso, 44 when he died on Monday, is the first Dutch prince in generations not to be buried with other members of the House of Orange in the family crypt in the Nieuwe Kerk in the historic city of Delft, outside The Hague.

Dutch media have speculated that he is being buried at a different church because he gave up his claim to the throne as well as his Royal House position to marry Mabel Wisse Smit in 2004.

The government did not give the couple the required permission to marry after it emerged that his future wife had withheld details of her previous relationship with a Dutch drugs baron.

Allowed to keep his title as Prince of Orange-Nassau, Friso took the decision in

good humour, having always referred to himself as a "reserve pretender to the throne."

Prime Minister Mark Rutte nevertheless ordered flags on official buildings around the country to be flown at half-mast.

Since an early age, the prince enjoyed skiing in the exclusive Austrian resort town of Lech, where the Dutch royal family have taken their winter holidays since the late 1950s.

Friso was an experienced skier but nevertheless ventured off-piste in 2012 with his friend Moosbrugger while the avalanche risk warning was at four on a scale of one to five.

His friend was unhurt, but Friso spent around 20 minutes under the snow with his brain deprived of oxygen before rescuers pulled him out.

Friso was in July transferred from a hospital in London, where he lived, to his mother's residence in The Hague.

In London, he was chief financial director of Britain's URENCO group -- dealing with nuclear fuel supply -- since 2011, and previously worked with the investment bank Goldman Sachs.

A memorial ceremony will be held for Friso later in the year, the palace said.

Inspector Ricardo Muller gets well-deserved promotion



...We couldn't have chosen a better person... were the words of Police Chief, Dolf Richardson during the special ceremony regarding the promotion of Ricardo Muller. Muller received his governmental decree marking his official promotion as Inspector First Class.

Ricardo is a true police veteran with almost 30 years of experience in the department of traffic. Two years ago Muller was named general coordinator for the traffic department. He practices his job by the slogan... "you're not here to serve yourself, but to serve the community!" He truly believes in giving everyone due respect.

This, he says was the style of the oldtimers, who taught their colleagues to always give respect so they would receive respect.

Ricardo Muller entered the Police training program on May 1st, 1976, and completed that program in 1977. Just months after joining the Police Force he was assigned to work in the so-called Riot Group. This group was charged with maintaining order and security during a difficult time back then when there was a big uprising in the

month of August related to political problems on the island. Muller recalls not going home for weeks during that time. He had to sleep in the Police barracks at the station. He recalls many bottles and rocks thrown at him.

Ricardo Muller advises all young Police officers to learn to crawl before walking, have patience, work as is expected of them and above all remember: "you are here to serve the community which gives great feeling of satisfaction."

The Aruba Police Force

exists since 1986 and today has about 600 Police officers working tirelessly to provide safety and security to our people. There are 375 male officers, 104 female officers and 120 administrative personnel, working in 4 districts with Police Stations in Oranjestad, San Nicolas, Noord and Santa Cruz.

The Aruba Police Force is proud of the international respect and recognition they receive especially due to their special "Motor Unit," K9 Unit, Arrest Team, Mobility Force, Dive Team and their Helicopter Unit. Also earning them high honors internationally is their well trained detective team capable of solving the most complicated cases.

The Aruba Police Force works in cooperation with Dutch Police Forces in the Dutch Kingdom such as the Rotterdam Rijmond, KLPD and RST. They also partner with international concerns such as Interpol, DEA, FBI, RCMP, Force Protection Agency, ACCP and IACP.

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MasterCard Execs and the ATA team

MasterCard holders who are dedicated visitors to Aruba have reason to rejoice: the island is part of the MasterCard Priceless Cities program, joining other prime destinations in offering fabulous discounts and perks when paying with the card.

CEO of the Aruba Tourism Authority, Ronella Tjin Asjoe-Croes, and General Managers of the Divi Phoenix and Divi Links Resorts, Gerrit Griffith and Patrick Franssen, were very pleased to welcome the business and marketing team from MasterCard Worldwide to the Divi Phoenix Gardens for the official announcement of the incentive program on Aruba, with the blessings of

the Minister of Tourism, Transport & Labor, Otmar Oduber.

MasterCard Worldwide Vice President, Territory Head Eastern Caribbean, Sebastian Barletta officially welcomed island tourism executives and the 40 local vendors participating in the program to the elegant launch event on Thursday evening, August 15. The soiree offered the opportunity to become acquainted with the MasterCard Worldwide marketing team, Edgardo Tettamanti, Senior Vice President Marketing Group Head for MasterCard LAC, Rafael Puebla, Marketing Head for MasterCard LAC's GeoCentral region and Lorena Holguin, VP

of Marketing for MasterCard's Caribbean region, who attended the launch.

"It is a true pleasure to be here with all of you to celebrate this momentous occasion," Mr. Barletta told the gathering, "a night in which MasterCard, a global leader in the payments space, launches its Priceless Cities international program in Aruba, one of the top destinations in the Caribbean." He expressed the company's heartfelt gratitude to Minister Oduber and Mrs. Tjin Asjoe-Croes for their cooperation and collaboration in establishing the rewards program. "At MasterCard, we are very



Sebastian Barletta with Patrick Franssen and Gerrit Griffith

plained the mechanics of the program "The concept of Priceless Cities was born from MasterCard's desire to create unique experiences in the most exciting cities in the world, and this is what we focused on when we developed this program. Our main objective has been to build a destinations platform that provides our cardholders with offers and benefits, especially designed to create memorable experiences during their travels in the world's top destinations."

"At MasterCard, we have a huge commitment to supporting the tourism industry in Aruba, a key driver of the country's economy and, through Priceless Aruba, we want to celebrate everything that makes our Happy Island such a unique destination: its history, beaches, cuisine, its rich culture and wonderful people. We want everyone to do so which is why we launched this program."

"What kind of offers am I referring to? It could be a free gift when making a purchase at one of Aruba's iconic tourist shops, receiving a bottle of wine to complement a romantic dinner, or a free div-

ing trip to discover Aruba's beautiful underwater world," he concluded. By presenting the "Exclusive Offers Card" while paying with MasterCard, holders will automatically enjoy these many benefits. The marketing team also noted they expect the number of participating vendors to double within the next few months.

"Aruba meets the parameters that characterize the other destinations of the program," commented Lorena Holguin. "It has everything to please all types of tourists, from the adventurous type to the beach lover and even the gastronomy aficionado. We at MasterCard are proud to bring the charms of Aruba closer to our customers' reach."

MasterCard holders will be receiving full information with their monthly statements, and the program will be promoted throughout the U.S. and Canada by the company. Mrs. Tjin-Asjoe Croes confirmed that the Minister and ATA are very pleased for Aruba to have been selected for Priceless Cities program and encourage island vendors to participate.

By Rosalie Klein



Rafael Puebla, Edgardo Tettamanti, Lorena Holguin, Sebastian Barletta

committed to supporting the travel industry, a key driver of the economies in the Caribbean.

"We believe that the benefits of tackling this industry are endless and that together we can provide a lot of value; it is for this reason that we continue to strengthen our commitment and partnership with this sector through our Priceless Cities programs," he concluded.

Mr. Rafael Puebla ex-



Island media meet MasterCard Execs

NSA breached privacy rules, despite Obama's promises

WASHINGTON (AFP) - President Barack Obama's promises to protect Americans from domestic spying came under fresh scrutiny Friday after an internal audit showed the National Security Agency had repeatedly violated privacy rules in its electronic surveillance.

The revelations appeared to challenge Obama's reassurances that strict oversight of NSA snooping had prevented abuses.

The Washington Post, citing NSA documents and the audit, reported that the eavesdropping service had breached privacy restrictions thousands of times and in some cases withheld details from other government departments.

The Post report quoted documents leaked from Edward Snowden, the former NSA contractor who has exposed the massive scale of America's surveillance of phone records and Internet traffic in a series of dramatic



disclosures to the media.

Snowden, who describes himself as a whistleblower, has been granted asylum in Russia, despite appeals from Washington for his extradition on espionage charges.

The NSA did not deny the privacy violations but offered a more positive assessment, saying the mistakes were unintentional and "miniscule" in number given the vast amount of data streaming through the spy agency.

"These are not willful violations. These are mistakes," John DeLong, NSA's director

of compliance, told reporters in a teleconference, noting that the agency promptly reports surveillance errors to a court, other government departments and to lawmakers.

"We don't hide these incidents," he said.

Defending the NSA's track record, DeLong estimated it had about a .0005 percent error rate, with roughly 100 mistakes out of 20 million queries a month.

A statement issued later from the White House said that Obama "has long advocated greater transparency" and stronger oversight of the intelligence programs to "strike the right balance" between protecting national security and the privacy of citizens.

Although the NSA tried to play down the report, lawmakers vowed more hearings to learn the full extent of the privacy violations and rights groups expressed outrage.

"We have previously said that the violations of these laws and rules were more serious than had been acknowledged, and we believe Americans should know that this confirmation is just the tip of a larger iceberg," said US senators Ron Wyden and Mark Udall in a joint statement.

In a NSA audit dated May 2012, there were 2,776 "incidents" over the previous year in which the agency exceeded its authority in the collection, storage and distribution of communications, according to the Post. Most of the cases were unintentional but in at least one instance, the agency violated a court order.

"The number of 'compliance incidents' is jaw-dropping," said Jameel Jaffer, deputy legal director at the American Civil Liberties Union.

"The rules around government surveillance are so permissive that it is difficult to comprehend how the intelligence community could possibly have managed to violate them so often," Jaffer said.

Obama and other top officials have insisted that Americans' privacy rights have been safeguarded and that sweeping surveillance powers have not been abused in the search for terror suspects.

Just as the White House believed it had begun to defuse concerns over domestic spying, the latest leak thrust the issue back in the spotlight.



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An adventure with the Jolly Pirates



Together with our national Telecom firm Setar a fundraising event has been organized benefitting the Aruban Donkey Sanctuary. Because of lack of space a new and larger sanctuary needs to be built to accommodate the ever-growing number of donkeys, now almost 140. At this time the donkeys find their homes at various locations, even in a private garden. A lot of money is needed to bring all the donkeys together in one location at Bringamosa. The Dutch foundation Dierenlot's substantial donation has been enough for the start of building the first necessities such as the containers for fodder, water containers, storage and fences. But a lot more money is needed for stables, a shop and a visitor center.

The Aruban government and the trade and industry are aware of the importance of a donkey sanctuary. Letting the donkeys roam wild is not an option because they create dangerous situations for our traffic and for themselves. The Aruban Donkey Sanctuary has become a great tourist attraction, visitors come to the sanctuary in droves, on their own or via tour operators such as the Palm Tours.

The fundraising event is very simple: if you are a Setar client you can sms the word BURICO (Papiamentu for donkey) to number 250. The price of such an sms is AWG. 3,- and the total amount will go to the don-

keys. With this sms you are in the running to win spectacular prizes and every week there are new prizes to be won. The event will run until October 4, Animal Day. And of course, the more sms-es you send, the more chances to win one of the weekly prizes.

This week the grand prize is an adventurous sailing trip on the Jolly Pirates boat, where one glides across the water on the way to three gripping snorkeling sites. On one of these sites one can go the underwater world surrounding a sunken merchant ship that went down during World War II. During the trip the drinks and BBQ are free of charge for the winners. And of course one can go rope-swinging to one's heart's content, hereby perfectly combining fun and adventure.

The Jolly Pirate boat is donating the trip because they feel close to all the animals and marine life on and around the island. They know that sheltering the donkeys is a good thing for Aruba.

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Aruba's Weather Update!

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Tropical storm Erin now a depression

MIAMI (AFP) - Tropical Storm Erin weakened into a tropical depression Friday as it moved west across the Atlantic from Africa, the US National Hurricane Center said.

The storm is the fifth to receive a name in the Atlantic hurricane season.

As of 1500 GMT Friday, it

was 870 kilometers (540 miles) west of the Cape Verde islands. Forecasts had predicted Thursday it would gain strength but its maximum sustained winds actually weakened, down to 55 kilometers (35 miles) per hour.

The storm is moving west-northwest at a speed of 28 kilometers an hour, and little

change in strength is expected over the next 48 hours, the center said.

Whether or not it becomes a named storm, heavy rain is likely this weekend somewhere along the northern Gulf Coast, says hurricane center spokesman Dennis Feltgen.

Although there are still

many paths the disturbance could take, a path into the central Gulf Coast appears to be the most likely route, reports AccuWeather meteorologist Courtney Spamer. "This puts locations between central Louisiana east to the Florida Panhandle most at risk."

August 1 began a period of generally more intense

hurricane activity in the Atlantic, where the hurricane season runs from June 1 to November 30.

The US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has forecast a more intense than usual season, with 13 to 19 named storms including six to nine hurricanes.

Egypt Islamists vow new demos after deadly day of anger

CAIRO (AFP) - Backers of Egypt's ousted president Mohamed Morsi pledged to stage daily demonstrations as they ended a day of angry protests in which over 80 people were killed on Friday.

The announcement came with Egypt already reeling from the deaths of 578 people on Wednesday when police cleared protest camps set up by loyalists of the deposed Islamist leader.

That crackdown drew strong condemnation from the international community, and EU foreign affairs chief

Catherine Ashton called Friday for the bloc to adopt "appropriate measures" in response.

But Egypt's cabinet issued a defiant statement, saying it was confronting a "terrorist plot".

In Jordan, Morocco and the Palestinian territories, meanwhile, hundreds joined demonstrations in support of Morsi's Muslim Brotherhood movement.

The call to end the day's demonstrations came shortly after a night-time curfew went into effect.

82 child soldiers rescued in DR Congo: UN

KINSHASA (AFP) - More than 80 children, some as young as eight years old, have been rescued from an armed group in the southeastern Democratic Republic of Congo and are being reunited with their families, the UN said Friday.

The 82 youngsters, including 13 girls, had been recruited by force by the Mai Mai Bakata-Katanga militia who are active in the restive province of Katanga, the UN peacekeeping mission in DR Congo (MONUSCO) said in a statement.

The youngsters, aged eight to 17, were separated from the militia on August 11 and 15 thanks to the joint effort of local child protection agencies in the province, MONUSCO added. The children had reportedly been recruited over the past six months.

Forty of the rescued chil-

dren "were immediately reunited with their families, while the remaining are receiving interim care pending reunification," the statement read.

MONUSCO head Martin Kobler said the UN was "extremely concerned" about ongoing reports of active recruitment by armed groups in eastern DR Congo.

"Children face unacceptable risks when they are recruited for military purposes," he said.

"The recruitment of children, particularly those under 15 years of age, could constitute a war crime and those responsible must be held to account."

MONUSCO estimates that 163 children, including 22 girls, have been separated from Mai Mai Bakata-Katanga fighters since the beginning of the year.

Venezuela recalls ambassador to Egypt

CARACAS (AFP) - Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro recalled his ambassador to Cairo on Friday and called for Egypt's ousted president Mohammed Morsi to be reinstated.

He also urged the restoration of constitutional order in Egypt, where more than 600 people have been killed in protests since Wednesday.

The Venezuelan president accused the United States and Israel of being behind Morsi's July dismissal as well as revolts in other countries such as Syria.

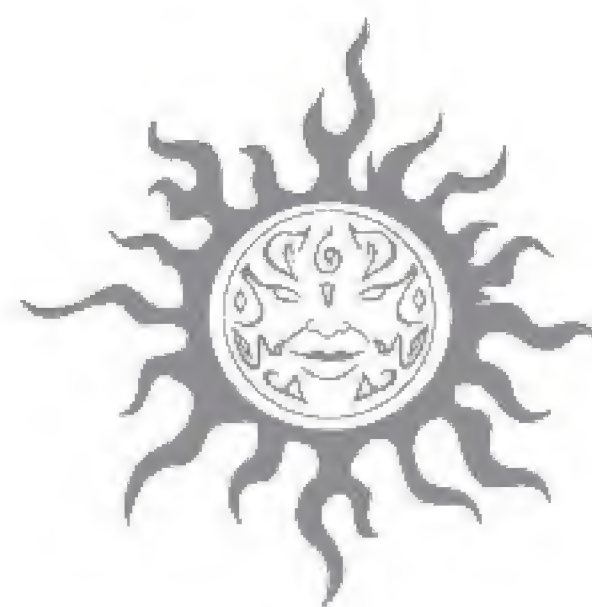
The Venezuelan government has maintained close relations with Middle Eastern countries, particularly Iran. It was also a close partner of Moamer Kadhafi who was killed in a popular revolt in 2011.

On Friday, Uruguay also condemned the violence in Egypt and called on the warring parties to overcome their differences through dialogue and mediation.

Morsi was ousted from the presidency on July 3 amid a wave of popular protests.

Clashes between supporters of Morsi's Muslim Brotherhood and security forces and backers of Egypt's interim authorities turned deadly earlier this week.

At least 70 people died Friday after police authorized the use of live ammunition.



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US Republicans fulfill threat to networks over Clinton

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The US Republican Party voted Friday to deny two US television networks rights to carry presidential primary debates if they don't abandon planned documentaries on Democrat Hillary Clinton.

NBC Entertainment is planning a miniseries and CNN is working on a documentary about the former secretary of state as she mulls a potential run for the White House in 2016.

The Republican National Committee voted unanimously to go through with a threat it first made last week.

"That's why we said to the media, with a united voice, that a network that spends

millions to spotlight Hillary Clinton is a network with an obvious bias," RNC chairman Reince Priebus said at a party meeting in Boston.

"And that's a network that won't be hosting a single Republican primary debate," he said.

"There are plenty of other outlets. We'll still reach voters, maybe more voters. But CNN and NBC anchors will just have to watch on their competitors' networks," Priebus added.

Clinton, a former first lady and US senator whose turn as America's top diplomat earned her widespread praise, is seen as the clear Democratic frontrunner for presi-

dent.

She has made no announcement of her political plans but the RNC move -- more than three years ahead of the 2016 election -- show the party's nervousness about a run by Clinton, who narrowly lost the Democratic nomination to Barack Obama in 2008.

Many conservatives Republicans want the party to skirt the networks altogether and organize the debates itself with "appropriate" moderators, according to the resolution adopted Friday.

The Republicans would thus be able to reduce the number of debates and change the tone.



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Venezuela: "U.S. drones stationed in Curacao and Aruba ready to attack countries in S. America"



WILLEMSTAD — The ex-Venezuelan Vice President, Jose Vicente Rangel has warned of a possible U.S. drone attack, alleging that the drones had entered Venezuelan airspace.

"These drones, airplanes without pilots, which have been used by the United States of America as a military weapon across the world, have been deployed from sites close to Venezuela. We have seen projects that are currently underway in Curacao and Aruba. These drones are constantly doing different maneuvers

around the area," the former Vice President declared during his T.V. show.

According to Rangel, these maneuvers are part of a conspiracy to attack Venezuela and other South American countries.

"These destabilizing plans are against some countries in the region, especially against Bolivia, Ecuador and Venezuela, and the U.S. military will start operations in the month of August," is what the former politician claimed during his T.V. program last weekend.

Burnt bodies found in Indian sub, survivors unlikely

MUMBAI (AFP) - India's navy retrieved Friday four burnt bodies from a submarine that exploded in a Mumbai dockyard, and said it was unlikely any of the remaining 14 missing crewmen were alive.

The diesel-powered INS Sindhurakshak sank in a military dockyard early Wednesday, dealing a setback to India's naval ambitions just days after it unveiled its first domestically made aircraft carrier.

Navy divers managed to enter the vessel, whose forward section was destroyed in the fire, but their progress was hampered by extreme heat, poor visibility and mangled hatches.

The first bodies were retrieved from the most easily accessible compartments Friday and have been sent for DNA testing because severe burns prevented their identification, a navy statement said.

It also suggested some personnel might never be found because of the fierce temperatures generated in the fire during which some of the weapons on board -- cruise missiles and torpedoes -- ignited.

The inquiry will seek to determine what caused the blasts, which turned the recently refurbished Russian-built submarine into a fireball.

The 16-year-old submarine, whose name means "Protector of the Seas" in Hindi, returned from Russia in April where it underwent a two-year overhaul of its communication, weapons and propulsion systems.

It is still covered by a Russian warranty and the Russian company responsible for the refit, Zvyozdochka, has offered its assistance.

24 dead, 274 missing in Philippine ferry disaster: coastguard



CEBU (AFP) - At least 24 people are dead and 274 are missing after a ferry in the Philippines collided with a cargo ship, the coastguard's deputy chief told AFP on Saturday.

The Thomas Aquinas ferry was carrying 370 people when it quickly sank on Friday night following the collision near the port of Cebu, the country's second biggest city, said Rear Admiral Luis Tuason, vice commandant of the Philippine coastguard.

He said 572 others had been rescued. About 300 people are still missing.

The Thomas Aquinas ferry, sank within half an hour of the night-time accident near the port of Cebu, the country's second biggest city, coastguard spokesman Commander Armando Balilo said.

A rescue mission involving

coastguard, navy and private vessels was launched immediately after the collision, which authorities said occurred between two and three kilometres (1.2-1.8 miles) from shore in calm waters.

Rachel Capuno, a security officer for the ferry's owners, told Cebu radio station DYSS that the ship was sailing into port when it collided head-on with the cargo ship.

Cebu coastguard commander Weniell Azcuna told reporters the cargo ship, Sulpicio Express 7, had 36 crew members on board, but it did not sink.

Ferries are one of the main modes of transport across the archipelago of more than 7,100 islands, particularly for the millions of people too poor to fly.

(picture show survivors arrive at a hospital)

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Zurich unveils sex drive-in



ZURICH (AFP) - The Swiss city of Zurich on Thursday unveiled a sex drive-in which local authorities say will enable them to keep closer tabs on prostitution, a year after voters backed the plan.

Due to be opened officially in a ceremony on August 26, the nine so-called "sex boxes" are located in a former industrial zone in the west of the metropolis, Zurich city hall said in a statement.

The site will be open daily from 7:00 pm to 5:00 am, and only to drivers, who must be alone in their vehicle if they want to pass the gate.

Echoing a fast-food drive-in, they will have to follow a marked route along which up to 40 prostitutes will be stationed. Once they have negoti-

ated a rate, they will drive to one of the nine car-wash style boxes to have sex.

The boxes will be equipped with alarms, allowing the prostitutes to make rapid contact with police if they are in danger.

With over 1.8 million peo-

ple, the Zurich conurbation makes up almost a quarter of Switzerland's population, and the city itself has long been home to a red-light district.

But with local residents fed up of prostitutes and clients plying the streets, notably along the riverside Sihlquai, the authorities decided to try to shift the sex trade from the city centre.

In addition, officials have said that they want to ensure the safety of prostitutes, stem trafficking by crime networks and reduce the role of the underground sex trade.

Work on the new site cost 2.1 million Swiss francs (1.6 million euros, \$2.2 million), below the voter-approved budget, while running costs are expected to be around 700,000 Swiss francs a year.

Brazilian woman cuts off husband's penis

SAO PAULO (AFP) - A Brazilian woman cut off her husband's penis after she caught him cheating on her with a man, a report said Friday.

Upon learning of her husband's indiscretion, the woman did not act at first but days later

proposed a sex game during which she tied him to their bed.

As he lay still, she cut off his penis with a serrated knife, the G1 website of Globo television reported.

The act of revenge played out in Santos, which is 77 kilometers (50 miles) southeast of Sao Paulo.

The organ could not be sutured back on because too much time had transpired, but the man's life is not in danger.

The woman has been arrested, G1 said.



British judge says man can be sterilised 'for own good'

LONDON (AFP) - A British judge on Friday took the unprecedented step of sanctioning the sterilisation of a man with the mental age of a child, ruling that it was in his best interest. The 36-year-old man already has a son and does not want to become a father again, but is unable to make decisions about using contraception, London's High Court heard. Judge Eleanor King ruled that the man, referred to only as "DE" in court proceedings, could be given a vasectomy as having another child could cause him "serious psychological distress". The man does not have the capacity to give his consent to the vasectomy, the court heard. His family and doctors have backed the move but the decision -- the first of its kind in Britain -- had to be made by a judge. Experts say he has an IQ of 40, meaning he has the mental age of a child aged between six and nine. He is unable to live alone, has limited speech and cannot use money, King said. He and his girlfriend, who also suffers from severe learning difficulties, had a son in 2010. The court heard that the couple have been together for 10 years but do not currently see each other without supervision, in order to "keep them safe". A vasectomy will allow the man to resume a sexual relationship with his girlfriend, the judge said.

Florida baby dies after ingesting liquid laundry packet



-- A 7-month-old Kissimmee, Florida child died after eating a laundry detergent pod that was left on a bed Friday. According to police, the child and the child's mother live in a battered women's shelter. The mother took the pod and put it on the bed where the child was sleeping, and she stepped out of the room for a moment to speak with a shelter official. When she went back to the room, the child was eating the detergent, police said. The child was rushed to the hospital where he died.

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White House goes green with solar panels

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The White House is going green. Solar panels are being installed on parts of the residence, a US official said -- making good on a pledge that dates back to 2010.

With President Barack Obama and his family vacationing in Martha's Vineyard for a week, workers equipped with cranes have been buzzing around the home in downtown Washington.

The work will include the installation of new thermostats and variable-speed fans, according to the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

In October 2010, then Energy Secretary Steven Chu announced that solar panels would be installed at the White House, in a bid to encourage Americans to adopt the green power generation technology.

Former president Jimmy Carter, a Democrat like Obama, had solar panels installed during his presidency in the late 1970s, during the oil crisis. But his successor Ronald Reagan had them removed.

After 3 decades, Buccaneer is still an island favorite



-- The Buccaneer Restaurant is a legendary favorite from day one that the doors opened 35 years ago. The nautical, laid back restaurant located in-between the high and low rise hotels in Aruba.

The restaurant is owned and run by Josef Munzenhofer, a local Aruban who kept many of the father's traditional recipes and added new entrees. The menu is a wide and varied menu that is focused mainly on fresh caught local seafood dishes and for the not seafood lover's, poultry, lamb, angus cut beef, pasta and duck. On a daily basis the chef creates specials including a daily soup. Every food item on the menu is made from

scratch every day. Some popular food choices are the "Barracuda Meunière" with a light caper lemon sauce, "Shrimp Trio" your choice of three types of shrimp entrees, "Seduction of the sea" a medley of grilled seafood favorites served with pasta and vegetables, Ceviche & Escargot are among the best sellers for appetizers and if you love rack of lamb with mint sauce than feast on this.

The restaurant has a welcoming, nautical feel with an extensive 18,000 gallon aquarium wall in the main dining room and smaller aquariums at the cozy booth, coastal maps, diving helmet, old fashion compass, shells and the eye stopper bar produced by the owner himself with tables to match, and so much more. The restaurant location is 11C Gasparito. Making a reservation is easy just call 586-6172 or email us buccaneeraruba@yahoo.com. Planning a party or special event than Buccaneer is the right choice for you. Check-out the website with a video included of the legendary restaurant that stands out from all the rest. The Buccaneer kitchen is open Monday through Saturday 5:30-10:00 pm &



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Happy Hour from 5:30-7:00 pm, closed on Sundays. Buccaneer is known for their reasonable prices and

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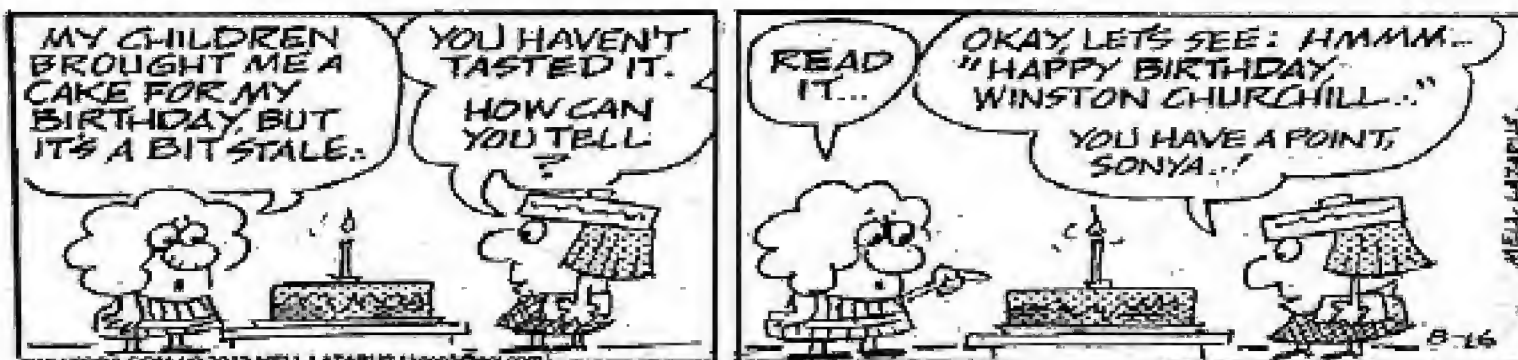
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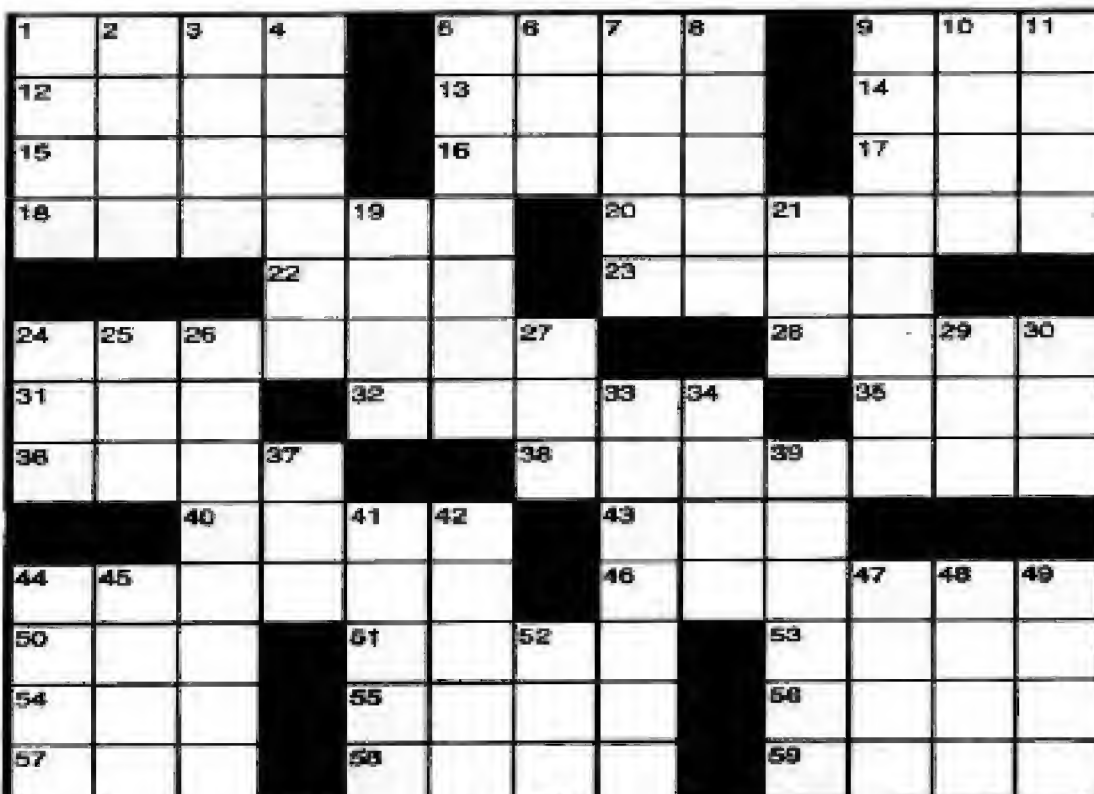
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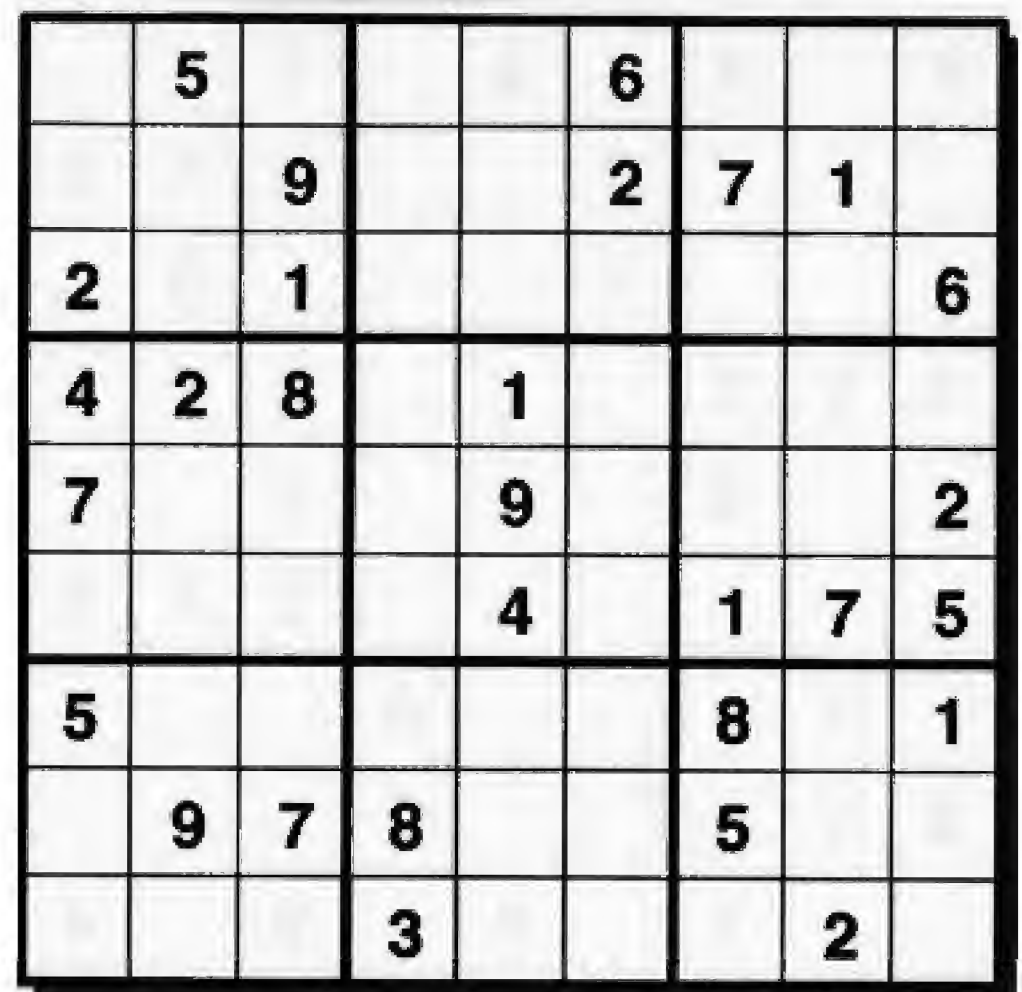
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Complete the grid so that every row and every column contains the numbers 1 through 9. A number is Never repeated in a row or column. In addition every rectangle must contain the numbers 1 through 9.

FINANCE

Egypt worries push oil higher

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - Oil prices edged higher Friday driven by worries over more unrest in Egypt, which sits astride the key Suez Canal and Sumed pipeline conduits for oil flowing from the Gulf.

In New York the benchmark WTI crude for September delivery added 13 cents to end at \$107.46 a barrel.

In London, Brent North Sea crude for delivery in October finished at \$110.40 a barrel, up 94 cents.

Although Egypt is not a major oil producer, the Suez canal carries about 2.5 million barrels daily, about 2.7 percent

of global supply, with much of it destined for European markets.

The downgrade of the mid-Atlantic storm Erin to a tropical depression removed some worries it had the potential to grow into a hurricane that could threaten oil industry operations and traffic as it tracks toward the US east coast.

US stocks Friday closed out a choppy day of trade on a negative note following a mixed batch of economic data and a big jump in bond yields.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 30.72 (0.20 percent) to 15,081.47.

The broad-based S&P 500 declined 5.49 (0.32 percent) to 1,655.83 while the tech-rich Nasdaq Composite Index slipped 3.34 (0.09 percent) to 3,602.78.

All three indices veered in and out of positive territory throughout the day, steadying somewhat after sharp declines Thursday.

Several analysts flagged a steep rise in Treasury bond yields for a second straight day on Friday as a worry. The yield on the 10-year Treasury rose from 2.76 percent Thursday to 2.83 percent.

Volkswagen Brazil to end production of Kombi model

SAO PAULO (AFP) - Volkswagen is to end production of its Kombi transporter van, made only in Brazil, with the model bowing out in a special 600-unit manufacturing run, the German carmaker said Thursday in a statement.

Some 1.5 million Kombi models have rolled off the lines of Volkswagen's assembly plant in Sao Bernardo do Campo, a Sao Paulo suburb, between 1957 and July 2013, the company said.

Launched in Germany in 1950, the Kombi boasts the "longest longevity in the car industry history," the statement said, adding that the "Last Edition Kombi" will be sold at a suggested price of \$38,000.

Kombi models assembled in Brazil have since 1970 been exported to countries including Algeria, Argentina, Chile, Peru, Mexico, Nigeria, Peru, Mexico, Venezuela and Uruguay.

Ecuador approves Yasuni national park oil drilling in Amazon rainforest



QUITO (AFP) - Ecuador President Rafael Correa on Thursday said major oil exploration in an unspoiled Amazon nature reserve could go ahead after the failure of an ambitious plan to secure billions of dollars in donations to avoid drilling in the area.

In an address to the nation, Correa said he would seek authorization from lawmakers to allow drilling in a region of the Yasuni National Park, which was designated a world biosphere reserve by UNESCO in 1989.

Three wells in the Yasuni reserve, which is home to several nomadic Indian tribes, are believed to hold around 920 million barrels of oil.

However Correa had sought to leave the oil untouched in order to avoid an estimated 400 million tons of carbon dioxide emissions being pumped into the Earth's atmosphere -- provided the international community would stump up \$3.6 billion.

However in the six years since the initiative was launched, Ecuador has received just \$13.3 million -- equivalent to 0.37 percent of the hoped-for total, Correa said.

Ecuador's 2008 constitution prevents the exploitation of non-renewable resources in protected areas, but allows the president to request a waiving of the rule if the "national interest" dictates it.

Correa said any development would leave 99 percent of Yasuni untouched.

"This decision is disappointing to all of us but it is necessary. Not to do it would be to the detriment of our people. History will judge us," he said.

Donations to the fund made by private companies or countries including Belgium, Chile, France, Italy, Spain and Indonesia had been placed in a trust administered by the United Nations Development Program and would be returned.



GM, Hyundai recall vehicle in US

CHICAGO (AFP) - General Motors and Hyundai both recalled large numbers of vehicles in the United States Friday.

The GM recall was issued to fix a defect in the Chevrolet Cruze that can cause some vehicles to lose the brake assist function.

If the brake assist function fails, drivers would need to exert extra pressure on the brake pedal to stop the vehicle.

The largest US automaker said it was aware of 27 low-speed crashes linked to the defect, none of which resulted in serious injury.

The recall affects 293,000 vehicles in the United States, 44,000 in Canada and 641 in Israel from the 2011 and 2012

model years.

Hyundai recalled 239,000 vehicles in the United States to check a portion of the vehicle underbody called the cross-member.

The South Korean automaker said that road salt has been found to corrode the rear crossmember, which could cause one of the rear control arms to fall off.

If the control arm becomes detached the rear wheel alignment could suddenly change "affecting the handling of the vehicle" and "increasing the risk of a crash," Hyundai said.

The recall affects certain Sonata and Azera vehicles from model years 2006 through 2010.

US regulator approves ICE takeover of NYSE Euronext

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The US Securities and Exchange Commission announced its approval Friday of the takeover of exchange operator NYSE Euronext by the IntercontinentalExchange.

The US markets regulator cleared the way for the long-pending tie-up, which would create what the two say will be the "premier global exchange operator."

Shareholders of NYSE Euronext approved the \$8.2 billion takeover by ICE in June, and European authorities signed off on it shortly afterward.

NYSE Euronext operates the New York Stock Exchange as well as bourses in Paris, Amsterdam, Brussels and Lis-

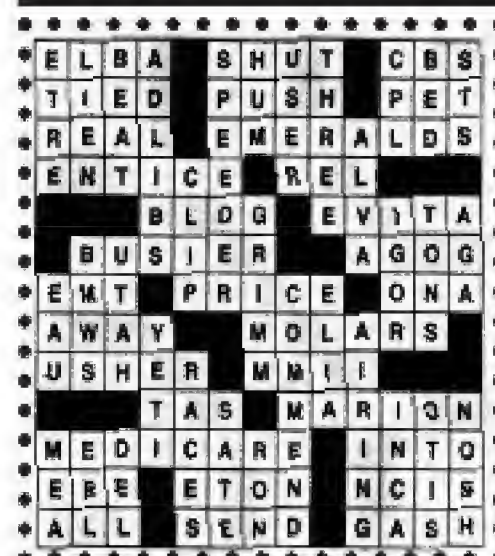
bon, plus the European derivatives market Liffe.

Atlanta-based ICE, which made the offer for NYSE Euronext in December, runs an online exchange trading major commodity and financial futures and options.

On June 24, the European Commission approved the takeover, saying it did "not raise competition concerns as (the two) are not direct competitors in the markets concerned and would continue to face competition from a number of other competitors."

In 2012, the commission rejected on competition grounds a plan to combine NYSE Euronext with the German market operator Deutsche Boerse.

YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer



America ready for female president: Michelle Obama

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US First Lady Michelle Obama says in remarks published Friday that America is ready for a woman president, but would not comment on prospects for Hillary Clinton getting the job.

Obama's comments came in an interview with *Parade* magazine, excerpts of which were published on its website.

Asked if she thinks the country will see a female president in her lifetime, the wife of President Barack Obama said, "Yes, I think the country is ready for it. It's just a question of who's the best person out there."

She declined to comment on the prospects for Clinton running to succeed Obama in 2016.

Hillary Clinton, a former US senator and secretary of state under Obama during his first term, has been vague on whether she will seek the nation's highest office.



She left her post as the top US diplomat in February and polls released with the Democratic nominating convention still three years off say she is ahead -- both in the Democratic primaries and in the theoretical general election.

Of Clinton's prospects, Mrs Obama said, "She hasn't announced anything, so I'm certainly not going to get ahead of her."

She added that she herself

will not run for president.

Obama also said she thinks her husband's time in office has helped ease racial prejudice in the United States.

"Children born in the last eight years will only know an African-American man being president of the United States. That changes the bar for all of our children, regardless of their race, their sexual orientation, their gender," Obama said.

"The greatest enemy of knowledge is not ignorance, it is the illusion of knowledge."

— Stephen Hawking

Thai students given blinkers to stop cheating



BANGKOK (AFP) - A Thai university has taken drastic steps to stop would-be cheats by introducing makeshift 'blinkers' for its examinees, thwarting students tempted by a furtive glance at their peers' exam papers. The bizarre headgear -- consisting of two A4 sheets of plain white writing paper attached by paperclips to a headband -- was worn by nearly 100 students this week during a textile exam. It was the brainchild of a professor at one of Bangkok's most famous universities who was concerned that his small exam room would encourage plagiarism. But a photograph posted on Facebook of the students sporting the blinkers -- which they made and customised themselves -- during the exam at Kasetsart University, had by Friday stirred ridicule from the Thai press and social media. The controversy prompted the university to scrap the blinkers while the teacher behind the scheme toured television studios to explain the unusual measure. The 40-year-old professor said the idea came about during discussions with students last week about how to prevent cheating.

CIA: The mysterious Area 51 exists!



NEVADA -- Its existence has been a badly kept secret for decades and it has fuelled the imaginations of conspiracy theorists and UFO hunters around the world.

Now the existence of Area 51 has been officially acknowledged by the Central Intelligence Agency and its exact location revealed in Nevada.

Documents released by the CIA also reveal that there really have been some strange occurrences at the secret airbase -- however, they are not quite as exciting as UFO hunters would like.

Previously the US government has provided minimal information about Area 51 and most mentions of it are redacted in documents that are declassified.

Official maps usually only

show a disused mine at the site or a large area of restricted airspace, however it does feature on Google Maps and in satellite images.

However, in a set of documents released to a researcher studying the history of the U-2 spy plane program, the secret base is officially revealed.

A line drawn map contained within the reports show the location of Area 51 and Groom Lake, the salt flat the base is built upon, in relation to the Mojave Desert.

They also provide details on how the site was first established as part of a wider Atomic Energy Commission test site.

The documents were released in response to a Freedom of Information Request made in 2005. An earlier 2002 request resulted in documents that were heavily redacted.

OLINGUITO: 'Teddy bear-like' animal discovered



— Researchers have announced a rare discovery of a new species of mammal called the olinguito. The reddish-brown animal is about 36cm long with an equally long tail and weighs about 1 kilogram. It belongs to a grouping of large creatures that include dogs, cats and bears. The critter leaps through the trees of mountainous forests of Ecuador and Colombia at night, according to a Smithsonian researcher who has spent the past decade tracking them. While new species are found regularly, usually they are tiny things like insects and not mammals, the warm-blooded advanced class of animals that have hair, live births and mammary glands in females. Outside experts said this discovery is not merely renaming something, but a genuine new species - with three new subspecies. It's the type of significant find that hasn't happened in the Americas for about 35 years.

Eat like a local at The Queen's restaurant at Palm Beach Plaza



Keshi Yena with plaintains, vegetables and pica

-- An elegant décor with a breezy terrace overlooking Palm Beach welcomes guests to Varella Innocencia's very popular restaurant showcasing authentic local cuisine:

The Queen's.

They may have moved from Oranjestad to hipper new digs in Palm Beach Plaza, but the food and prices are strictly native, which is what first won this charming

eatery their loyal clientele. Varella's mom, Luisa, is still in the kitchen, conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations, acknowledged on the menu with items such as "Carni Stoba di Mamachi" - "Grandma's Beef Stew," and their Arawak Steak, along with local delicacies like Keshi Yena - "Full Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of

chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin of melted Gouda. It was very satisfying and particularly memorable paired with The Queen's garlic bread and very special Pica, a mix of chopped onions and the famous local hot pepper, Madame Janette. Not overly spicy, it lends that perfect bit of tang to this deliciously picturesque meal.

One of the distinctions of Aruban cuisine is incorporating unique indigenous ingredients such as in Wild Cucumber Stew and a particular light fish chowder accompanied by the local specialties pan bati (corn meal pancake) and funchi (the local version of polenta.)

Seafood main courses of Catch of the Day Aruban Style to shrimp and a mixed seafood platter with shrimp, fish, squid, scallops and mussels. Meat dishes such as



Varella, Luisa and the next generation of chef

BBQ Chicken and Ribs or Grilled Tenderloin, each including a choice of 2 side dishes; all quite yummy and bargain-priced to boot!

The Queen's is located on the second level of Palm Beach Plaza, tucked into a cozy corner at the front of the mall. If you have a mind to try the real deal in Aruban food, without a doubt, this is the way to truly eat like a

local. They are open from 11:00 AM to 11:00 PM, daily, offering indoor and outdoor dining.

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from an extensive menu they also have daily specials made from whatever is in season and Mama Luisa is in the mood to prepare, so don't forget to ask about what isn't on the menu!

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TAIPEI (AFP) - This handout photograph released by Taipei City Zoo this week shows giant panda Yuan Yuan hugging her baby at Taipei City Zoo in Taipei. The public will have to wait three months to catch a glimpse of the first panda born in Taiwan, officials said in July, after she was successfully delivered by parents who were gifted from China.

SPORTS



Berti Vogts (left) and Johann Cruyff in the 1974 FIFA World Cup Final

-- We are en route to the world of football Brazil, 2014. Today we'll continue with a little history of the best defenders of all time. Here number two and three of the list of 20 players who with his talent and skill, contributed greatly to his national team.

Hans Hubert Vogts 'Berti' was born on 30 December 1946 in Büttgen (Germany) is a former international footballer and German coach.

Vogts joined the boys of the local football team sports club VfR Büttgen in 1954 when he was 7 years old, playing there until 1965, year in which was transferred to Borussia Mönchengladbach. It was defense on the right wing, his tenacity made him earn the nickname 'Der Terrier'. It was one of the figures of the golden age of the Borussia in the 1970s, when he won five times the 1. Bundesliga, the Germany Cup once and twice UEFA Cup. Vogts made 419 appearances in the Bundesliga for Mönchengladbach marking 33 times and other 64 appearances for the club in European competitions scoring 8 goals. Vogts remained with Mönchengladbach until he retired as a player in 1979.



Carlos Puyol

He was also a member of the national football team of Germany who won the 1974 FIFA World Cup and the 1972 European Championship of Nations. In total, he played 9 parties as international for West Germany games, had 3 appearances for the under-23 selection and 96 with the absolute, making him one of the German players more winners. He was the captain of the national team 20 times and scored a goal as international player.

Carlos Puyol, his most recognized distinctions include the having been chosen as best defense of the UEFA Champions League in 2006 and holds the

record for having been selected on 6 occasions to the team of the year from the UEFA in 2002, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2009 and 2010. It has also been included in the team of the year by FIFPro (today known as FIFA/FIFPro Award) on three occasions: 2007, 2008, and 2010. He was selected by the newspapers The Sun and Don Balón as one of the four best defenses of the Decade in 2009 and 2010 respectively. FIFA has selected 3 times to form part of their dream team after Euro 2008, the 2009 Confederations Cup and the 2010 FIFA World Cup.

In 2009, Puyol became the first captain in the history of the Football Club Barcelona to raise six cups in the same year (Spanish League, Copa del Rey, Supercopa of Spain, UEFA Champions League, Europe Supercup and FIFA Club World Cup). Currently, Puyol has won 15 titles with his club and 2 international titles with the national team of Spain: the European Championship in 2008 and the 2010

FIFA World Cup.

All these achievements with his club, with the Spanish team and their distinctions achieved Puyol is considered by the press and by various bodies of sports as one of the best Central defenders of the continent and the world. Likewise, FIFA considers it as one of the best defenses in the world.

In an interview with the Spanish newspaper As former player Italian Franco Baresi (considered one of the greatest defenses in history) defined Puyol as an elite player and said that it is one of the best in the world

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Tennis: Del Potro defies wrist injury to make Cincinnati semis



CINCINNATI (AFP) - Juan Martin Del Potro beat qualifier Dmitry Tursunov 6-4, 3-6, 6-1 to reach the semi-finals of the Cincinnati Masters on Friday, then revealed he is dealing with pain in his left wrist.

The Argentine missed much of the 2010 season with a wrist problems and remains cautious.

"Yes, it bothers me a little bit, but not too much," said the 2009 US Open winner.

"I'm trying to play slices and different shots before the US Open to see how different I can play against the top guys or (try) doing different things."

But he added: "I'm okay, my knee is OK too, and that's important looking forward to New York. It's nothing dangerous. I'm always in contact with my doctor, he's taking care of me all the time."

Del Potro needed one and three-quarter hours to get past veteran Russian Tursunov, with the Argentine hammering 15 aces and breaking three times.

He will play the winner from top seed Novak Djokovic, bidding for his first title in Cincinnati, and American John Isner.

Del Potro reached the semi-finals in 2012 where he lost to Djokovic.

11-year-old Dutch boy signs for FC Barcelona

Fodé Fofana, an 11-year-old Dutch boy from Groningen has signed a contract with Spanish football club FC Barcelona. Fofana was spotted by Barça at a tournament in France last year and invited him to play for a few days to find out if he has real talent. The boy currently plays with local amateur club GVAV Rapiditas. According to Nos television, Amsterdam club Ajax, English and French clubs were also after the talented youngster. Fodé will stay with another family while his own parents gets ready to make the move, Nos said. According to the AD, quoting a local Spanish paper, Fodé is one of 59 young players signed by Barcelona for its prestigious youth academy.

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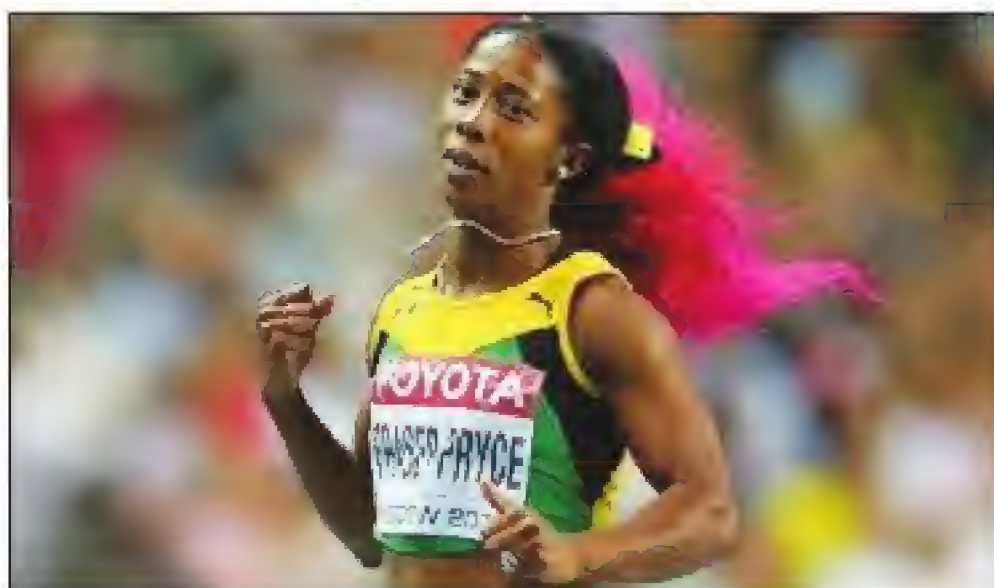
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Athletics: Farah, Fraser-Pryce seal world track doubles

MOSCOW (AFP) - Mo Farah and Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce secured dramatic doubles at the World Athletics Championships on Friday as Usain Bolt safely advanced to the final of the 200m in his bid for a third successive title.

Action on the track and in the field had earlier been overshadowed by Russian athletics icon Yelena Isinbayeva's controversial comments over her apparent support of Russia's anti-gay law.

But Farah was on hand to dispel any lingering fall-out at the Luzhniki Stadium, outfox-



ing the fast-paced Kenyan team tactics to become the second man to achieve the double of world and Olympics 5,000 and 10,000 metres titles.

The Somalia-born Farah, who won an emotional double gold at the Olympics last year in his adopted home city of London, clocked 13min 26.98sec to emulate Kenenisa Bekele's double-double at the 2008 Beijing Olympics and 2009 Berlin worlds.

As expected, the Kenyans adopted a different race strategy in a bid to disrupt the Briton's rhythm.

Jamaica's Fraser-Pryce threw down the gauntlet for teammate Bolt by becoming the third athlete to achieve the women's world sprint double.

The 26-year-old, who had reclaimed her 100m title on Monday, again dominated the race, with three-time champion Allyson Felix of the United States pulling up injured not even halfway through.

In another first, African athletes claimed medals in the event, Ivorian Murielle Ahoure adding silver to her 100m silver and Nigerian Blessing Okagbare taking bronze, having already won long jump silver.

Two-time defending champion Usain Bolt's bid to seal a third successive world 200m title advanced smoothly as he coasted to victory in his semi-final in a comfortable 20.13sec.



CHICAGO (AFP) - Donnie Murphy #8 of the Chicago Cubs scores past catcher Rob Johnson #32 of the St. Louis Cardinals on an RBI double hit by Darwin Barney (not pictured) of the Chicago Cubs in the sixth inning at Wrigley Field yesterday. Cubs won 7-0.



DETROIT (AFP) - Greg Holland #56 of the Kansas City Royals pitches in the ninth inning of game one of the double header against the Detroit Tigers at Comerica Park on August 16, 2013 in Detroit, Michigan. The Royals defeated the Tigers 2-1.



BOSTON (AFP) - Alex Rodriguez #13 of the New York Yankees answers reporters' questions. He said a recent "60 Minutes" report that his former inner circle had obtained and leaked documents that implicated Milwaukee Brewers slugger Ryan Braun and Yankees catcher Francisco Cervelli in the recent doping scandal -- saying that it is not true.

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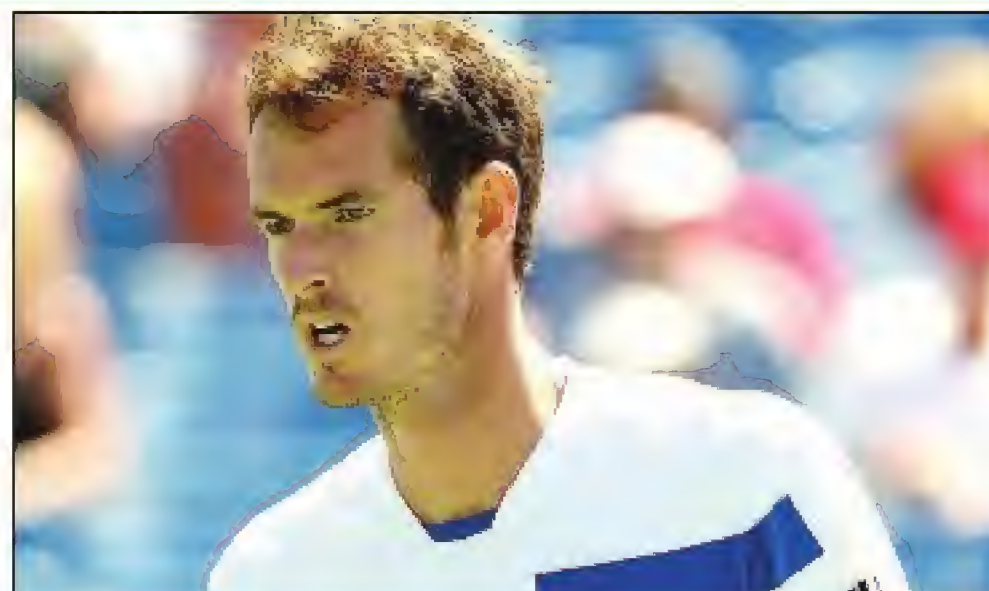
Tennis: Top seeds Djokovic, Murray ousted on same day



Williams, who raced through a 16-minute opening set en route to an easy 6-0, 6-4 win against Romanian Simona Halep.

Williams next plays holder Li Na, after the Chinese fifth seed advanced a day earlier when Agnieszka Radwanska withdrew to attend the funeral of her grandfather in Poland.

Serb former number one Jelena Jankovic beat Italy's Roberta Vinci 6-0, 6-4 to reach a fifth semi-final this season.



CINCINNATI (AFP) - The two top ranked players in the world, Novak Djokovic and Andy Murray, suffered upset losses Friday, exiting the Cincinnati Masters at the quarter-final stage.

The elite pair of five-time champion Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal were meeting later in a blockbuster quarter-final.

World number one Djokovic fell 7-6 (7/5), 3-6, 7-5 to unseeded John Isner as the Serb's attempt to set another tennis record ended in defeat.

Had Djokovic beaten the American he would have kept alive a bid to become the first man to win all nine Masters 1000 titles in his career.

Two-time champion Murray was eliminated 6-3, 6-4 by Tomas Berdych, leaving the Scot to head for New York and his US Open title defence from August 26 with plenty to work on.

The second seed fired 10 aces but was betrayed as he missed on all four of his break points. Berdych has now beaten Murray twice this season after defeating him in Madrid on clay.

"The court was lively today. It was bouncing pretty high and it was quite tough to control the ball. I made too many errors," said Murray, who had trouble with the conditions.

"The first couple of rounds, I was able to hit the ball quite flat and wasn't kind of flying on me; today it was happening a little bit.

"You can play one day, and in Fahrenheit it can be 65 degrees, and the next day it can be 80, 85. You just need to make adjustments. I need to make sure I'm not making too many mistakes going into the US Open."

Isner set up a Today semi with 2009 US Open winner Juan Martin del Potro, who beat qualifier Dmitry Tursunov 6-4, 3-6, 6-1.

Women's quarter-final matches were dominated by world number one Serena

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